

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OF JASPER COUNTY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Arzillo; Vice Chairperson Pamela M. Williams; Mr. Rodney Catterton; Mrs. Denise Davidson; Mr. John Kemp; Ms. Carrie Fair and the Director Ms. Jeanine Bostick.

ABSENT: Mrs. Regenia Scott.

NOTIFICATION TO THE MEDIA: Chairman Arzillo announced the media had been notified.

INVOCATION: Ms. Carrie Fair.

Pledge Allegiance by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Mr. Kemp and seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams to amend and approve the agenda adding Executive Session to the agenda as item number six. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motioned to go into executive session by Vice Chairperson Williams and second by Mr. Kemp. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to return out of executive session Mr. Kemp and seconded by Ms. Fair. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Arzillo stated no motions or actions were taken while in executive session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- AUGUST 9, 2018 BOARD MEETING: Motioned by Ms. Fair and seconded by Vice Chairperson Williams to approved the August 9, 2018 board meeting minutes with follow up on any old business. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Comments.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of Emergency Preparedness Manual (Vice Chairperson Williams): Vice Chairperson Williams stated upon attending the training on Emergency Preparedness in Columbia she is suggesting forming a committee to review, discuss and update our current manual, a date and time will be set after the November 6, 2018 General Election. Committee: Vice Chairperson Williams; Mr. Kemp and Ms. Fair.

OLD BUSINESS: Update: Ridgeland 2 Voting Precinct Relocation (Jeanine): The Director Jeanine updated the Board that Kingdom Touch Ministries has agreed to allow the Ridgeland 2 precinct to be moved to their Gymnasium; however, there would be an additional cost.

Discussion: Okatie Precinct Relocation (Mr. Kemp): With the growth in the Hardeeville area Margarettaville and Hilton Head Lakes area the Okatie precinct and the Hardeeville 1 precinct would be overwhelm with new voters. Mr. Kemp is suggesting adding two new precincts. It was suggested using Palmetto Electric. Mr. Kemp will work with Rep. Newton regarding the use of the Palmetto Coop. Mr. Kemp also mentioned the Fire station and a Church on Argent Blvd.; the School or ACE. Mr. Kemp stated Hardeeville expectancy is approximately 45,000 people in the next ten years. To be discussed further after the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Ms. Fair asked for clarification on the total registered voters report. The Director stated voters, have moved, are deceased and/or have asked to be remove from the roster, therefore your numbers would vary month to month. There were 152 voters added and 18 voters removed giving a total increase of 134.

Mr. Fair asked about the Nixle app that Mr. Kemp had suggested using as a information link about elections. Mr. Kemp stated he will continue to work on this project and will keep the Board informed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director informed the Board of the next upcoming trainings, October 13th and October 20th. The Director explained the Write-In process to the Board on the iVotronic voting machines and the paper ballots. The Director asked the Board to become familiar with the Write-In process issued by the State. The Director informed the Board only three persons had declared themselves as Write-In candidates; Ms. Joyce Gerald (District 2); Ms. Louise Rawlings (District 6) and Mr. Tedd Moyd (District 8). The Director reminded the Board of the election date and the validation of Absentee ballots at 9am at the Voter Registration Office. The Director informed the Board the office will be open on Saturday, November 3, 2018 9am to 1pm for last minute absentee voting. Mr. Catterton asked about the poll workers list of assignments and were we discussing that matter at tonight's meeting. The Director stated the list was sent to the Board via email and any objections were to be submitted to the Chairman and hearing none the list was approved as is. The Director will email the Board the updated copy of the assignment of poll workers.

The Director informed the Board of Mr. Tyler's resignation. The Director provided the Board with the updated list of Board members.

The Director informed the Board of working with Easy Votes, a company that Beaufort County uses to do their mass mailings for training, storing data, etc. The Director stated she would contact Easy Vote after the election to see how their programs can help in Jasper County.

The Director reminded the Board to sign their User Agreement to receive access to the State Electionnet database.

The Director informed the Board about purchasing stylus pens to assist the voters with their punch on the iVotronic voting machine.

The Director informed the Board of the ADA voting machines capability, each precinct has at least one ADA voting machine at their precinct for all Federal and State elections.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Arzillo asked all board members be available Election Day and review and familiarize themselves with the election laws.

BOARD ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

- A Pilot Program was done in Dorchester County and another Pilot Program is coming soon Re: New Voting System, Mr. Snider of SEC will let Mr. Kemp know and Mr. Kemp will let the Board know.
- Guidelines for preparing for Municipal and School Board Elections. The Director stated the Delegation would be looking at possibly changing the filing guidelines for School Board candidates and Municipal elections notices are published by the individual Municipalities.
- Vice Chairperson Williams brought up the importance of being prepared for the validation of absentee ballots and being in order, ie., there should be no getting up and down and all cell phones should be on silence mode.
- Ms. Fair asked about the funds for building repairs. The Director stated she spoke with Ronnie and as long as Mr. Terry hadn't pulled any funds out of our budget we still have the funds to use. As of October 31, 2018 funds are still in place.

TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Next meeting is November 9, 2018 following certification
- Mr. Kemp suggested we have two agendas one for Canvass Hearing and one for Board meeting
- Discussion: Election Day Issues and Concerns
- Vice Chairperson Williams suggested surveying the Clerks and Poll Managers on ideas and concerns pertaining to elections.

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned to adjourn by Ms. Fair and seconded by Mr. Kemp. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanine Bostick, Director

cc: File; Board Members: Mr. Andy Fulghum, County Administrator and Jasper Delegation

